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**System and Method for Efficient Management
of Fibre Channel Communication**

ABSTRACT

A system and method for managing a Fibre Channel
5 adapter is disclosed. When a close request is received by
the Fibre Channel adapter, the adapter is set to a quasi-
open state. In a quasi-open state, the adapter keeps the
link to the Fibre Channel network open, releases extended
resources, and maintains minimal resources in order to keep
10 the link open. When a request is received by the adapter
while in a quasi-open state, the request is rejected
thereby preventing other devices from logging into the
quasi-opened device and informing other devices that the
quasi-opened device is not currently communicating across
15 the Fibre Channel network. An information handling system
and a computer program product for implementing the Fibre
Channel adapter quasi-open state are further disclosed.